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| For: | NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING AN AVIAN <i>E. COLI</i> ISS POLYPEPTIDE AND METHODS OF USE | | | |

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, had been received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

B' This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/282,352, filed March 31, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,187,321, issued February 13, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/023,221, filed February 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,087,128, issued July 11, 2000, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.